



Los Angeles County AUDIT COMMITTEE

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4th District

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

June 2, 2010

Chair Louisa Ollague called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. in Conference Room 743, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.

Committee Members Present

Louisa Ollague, Chair, First District
Lisa Mandel, Third District
Martha Molina-Aviles, First District
Helen Berberian, Fifth District

Committee Members Excused Absence

Dorinne Jordan, Second District
Carl Gallucci, Fourth District
Lori Glasgow, Vice Chair, Fifth District

APPROVAL OF MARCH 18, 2010 MINUTES

By common consent, there being no objection, the Committee continued approval of the March 18, 2010 minutes to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Louisa Ollague and by common consent, there being no objection, the Committee received and filed the following reports:

- West Covina Group Home Program Contract Compliance Monitoring Review (12/31/09)
- Fred Jefferson Memorial Foster Family Agency Contract Review - A Department of Children and Family Services Provider (01/28/10)
- Institute for Multicultural Counseling and Education Services, Inc. Contract Review - A Department of Children and Family Services and Mental Health Service Provider (02/26/10)

On motion of Louisa Ollague and by common consent, there being no objection, the Committee continued the following item to its September 1, 2010 meeting:

- Tarzana Treatment Center (Board Agenda Item #35, June 16, 2009) (08/19/09)

On motion of Genie Chough and by common consent, there being no objection, the Committee received and filed the following reports:

- San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center, Inc. Contract Review - A Department of Children and Family Services and Mental Health Service Provider (12/18/09)
- Olive Crest Treatment Centers, Inc. Contract Review - A Department of Children and Family Services and Mental Health Service Provider (12/30/09)
 - Don Chadwick, Auditor-Controller asked the deputies to approve the aforementioned items and agreed to email all committee members and children's deputies a status report of the current repayment, including questioned costs.
- Cunningham Group Home Program Contract Compliance Monitoring Review (12/31/09)
 - Marilynne Garrison, Department of Children and Family Services reported they have asked the provider to submit documentation to prove they are following the action plan and upon review, will determine if the six month follow up should be conducted earlier.

REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED AND FILED

On motion of Louisa Ollague and by common consent, there being no objection, the Committee received and filed the following reports:

- Amanecer Community Counseling Services Contract Review - A Department of Children and Family Services and Mental Health Service Provider (12/14/09)
- Aviva Family and Children's Services Contract Review - A Department of Children and Family Services and Mental Health Service Provider (05/18/10)

On motion of Louisa Ollague and by common consent, there being no objection, the Committee received and filed the following reports:

- Fiscal Review of Guiding Light Home for Boys - A Group Home Foster Care Contractor (03/11/10)
- Fiscal Review of Fields Comprehensive Youth Services, Incorporated - A Group Home Foster Care Contractor (04/21/10)
 - Lisa Campbell-Motton, Probation, answered questions posed by the Committee and reported the reason children were placed within out of County group homes despite the provider's financial deficiencies is to maintain continuity with the families of the children, the willingness of the provider to accept children with complicated backgrounds and also to break ties with negative influences. Although the provider is suffering financially they are not lacking in the day to

day activities and programs provided to the children. Ali A. Gomaa-Mersal of Department of Children and Family Services reported the provider is current on their federal payroll taxes and are currently on a five year repayment plan. Ms. Campbell added that after a two hour meeting with the provider she felt comfortable with his explanation of their financial problems and did not feel it was affecting the overall care of the children.

- Discussion ensued on how to make use of a preferred provider network. Louisa Ollague suggested the contract be reviewed and asked staff to invite County Counsel to join the next meeting to discuss parameters of action that can be taken when a provider does not comply with an action plan.
- Department of Children and Family Services Group Home Monitoring Status Report for July 1, 2009 Through December 31, 2009 (Board Agenda Item No. 3, April 14, 2009) (03/17/10)
- Olive Crest Foster Family Agency Contract Review - A Department of Children and Family Services Provider (04/13/10)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Probation Group Home Monitoring Report
 - Lisa Campbell-Motton, Probation submitted the monitoring report and an outline of her units' duties as requested at the previous meeting. The adoption was reported in the newspaper and the training video is in the works and includes the 3rd adoption. It will include interviews of key players and be used by UC Davis when providing placement training for the entire state. Their office has been contacted to assist with adoptions in other counties. Reports will be submitted every quarter and posted on their website.
 - Ms. Campbell-Motton added there were four group homes on hold; although all four homes have had different issues, they have agreed to take the necessary action to move forward. Child's Home for Children lost their rating by failing to submit required paperwork resulting in Probation removing 12 children. They are now complying with the requirement and are in the process of obtaining their rating.
 - Marilynne Garrison, DCFS and Ms. Campbell-Motton agreed that Probation works hand in hand with DCFS to address any issues that arise and are concerned with the wellbeing of all children in either jurisdiction.
- DCFS GH/FFA Fiscal Audits
 - Phillip S. Molina, Department of Children and Family Services, presented the following Fiscal Audit Status Reports; Pending Audit Resolution, Agencies with Payment Agreements and Agencies Referred to TTC for Collection. One report consisting of one agency was withheld due to resolution with County Counsel.
 - After discussion, Helen Berberian requested all departments work together to provide the Committee with one comprehensive report that is provider focused. Ms.

Garrison, DCFS agreed to take the lead and coordinate with all agencies involved to provide the Board with a Program Review, Fiscal Review, Payment and Repayment schedule that is provider focused and include a recommendation one month prior to consideration. All agencies are asked to provide their data to Ms. Garrison in a timely matter. Jim Schneiderman, Auditor-Controller will provide a report at the next regular Audit Committee Meeting.

- DCFS Quarterly Report - Recommendations and Implementation Status
 - Louisa Ollague asked that reports be filed on time to give the Committee time to review the data submitted. All reports must be filed one week prior to meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE MEETING)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Others in Attendance

Maria Oms, A-C
Judi Thomas, A-C
Jim Schneiderman, A-C
Don Chadwick, A-C
Jackie Guevarra, A-C
Elaine Boyd, A-C
Al Fong, A-C
Russ Lingo, A-C
Susan Kim, A-C
Mike McWatters, A-C

Phillip S. Molina, DCFS
Pamela Dubin, DCFS
Michael Rauso, DCFS
Marilynne Garrison, DCFS
Jackie Contreras, DCFS
Ali A. Gomaa-Mersal, DCFS
Lisa Campbell-Motton, PROB
Art Mayfield, PROB
Pamela Pease, PROB
Reaver Bingham, PROB

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